

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

Barcelona. A 11 de Diciembre de 1949.

R.P. Juan Luis de Ellacuría. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

Queridísimo Juan Luis: que el Corazón de María te siga bendiciendo a manos llenas.

Por fin, quiso el Señor que mi hermano me dirigiera una cartita. ¡Gracias a Dios! Ya estaba semimaquinando pensamientos torturadores sobre tu supuesta decisión de no escribirme ni comunicarte con la familia, cuando viene a visitarme tu carta. Aunque tarde, nunca más oportuna... ¡Qué mal que el ángel de tu guarda te puso en el pensamiento escribir a tu hermano.

Prendía haberte escrito a últimos de Octubre; pero, esperaba antes el enterarme bien sobre el caso de las monjas de Lieruel y sobre el Monumento..., que seguramente será para la Congregación y creí que estaría el asunto resuelto y quería comunicarte ambas cosas, sin que pueda ultimar las noticias por ahora. Con todo, no quiero dejar en la con estacion.

En la Misión de El Perro del Caudillo, haciendo de doctri-  
nario conmigo el P. Silvino del Cura Hebrada. La revista Ecclesia pu-  
blicó la foto de los misioneros. El fruto fue extraordinario.  
Continuación de la Misión de Florida, donde vi palpablemente  
la mano de la divina Providencia. Se predicado la Novena de la Inma-  
culada en Lumbier, Pielagos pueblo de Navarra. Se predicado 24 ser-  
mones y no se predicado más porque el tiempo se acabó. Un total de  
27 horas de predicación, entre sermones y conferencias. Estoy conten-  
to de misseres y oratorios, aun que tengo defectos notables: facili-  
mente tiendo a gritar, en parte los arrebatados dice que de me pier-  
den palabras y, juntamente tres principales defectos, que son  
gritar, voz potentísima y pronunciación rápida, puede deslucirse y  
aun así, aunque a veces me da miedo, por el efecto del eco, cuanto  
más voy a una iglesia, me voy más estado para predicar... ¡Quiero que  
en las ocasiones que te pida para que muy pronto me corrija, si  
es así la voluntad de Dios, de estos tres defectos.

La carta me ocasionó grandes alegrías; pero, sobre todas,  
el anticipo de tu posible venida a Roma. Desde luego, es mucho lo que  
se os pide; pero ¡mira! Uno de los 40 peregrinos lo puedes conseguir  
fácilmente si te entiendo con los Oros. Obispos y les dices que las  
peregrinaciones oficiales de A.C. y demás, hagan coincidir con la Ca-  
nonización de R.P. Fundador. Tanto más, cuanto que parece ser la Ca-  
nonización Central del Año Santo y por lo mismo, la más solemne. Con-  
tomar los nombres de 40 de esos peregrinos, tienes este asunto resuel-  
to. Además, todo esto te lo tramitarán admirablemente esos dos coros  
de Colaboradores Claretianos" dice la Madre que sólo pide a Dios ver  
A SU HERMANO JUAN LUIS y, después, morirse tranquila... Yo necesito  
mucho de tu venida, pues me servirá de gran alboramiento para muchas  
cosas.

Escribí al P. M.R.P. José sobre la máquina de escribir. El  
hecho es que no me ha contestado. Las aduanas las hubiera pagado bien  
a gusto; ya tenía dinero dispuesto para esto.

Hay mismo parto para Rancesvalles, si Dios quiere, para di-  
rigirles los Ejercicios Espirituales a los Canónigos y Religiosas que  
los sirven.



IVON CLARE EVANS

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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agita et sí. Le he de escribir dentro de muy poco tiempo, si Dios quiere. Si es que arreglas tu venida, lo que quiero que arregles es, lo de las máquinas de cine, detenidas en Nueva York. ¡cuanta palmadita! ¿verdad?

encontré a mi amigo en Bilbao, cuando la Coronación Canónica de la Virgen del Corazón de María de nuestra Casa de Bilbao y me entregó ese B.L.M. para que te lo remitiera, al tiempo de escribirte.

La Coronación del Corazón de María fue algo apoteósico  
triunfo nunca conocido, tal vez, para el Corazón de María, como  
opinan muchos.

Sere mucho mas explicito en la siguiente.

Te agradezco en el alma los consejos que me das. Los necesito en gran manera. Acabo de pasar una prueba terrible. Parece que el Señor quiere apagar con pruebas los destellos de gloria que pudieran envanecerme. Ten en cuenta que a tu hermano se le dicen a bocajarro y hasta en el confesionario, alabanzas y hasta expresiones de "muy guapo, gran orador, simpaticuísimo, "es un sol y.", etc. Hasta ahora creía que eran poco mas o menos tentaciones de mujeres; pero, me voy convenciendo de que son dicciones y tentaciones de origen autenticamente diabólico. Y en estas no peligra tanto la Castidad, cuanto la humildad. Mucho temo estas leonías en todo lugar; pero, sobre todo, en el confesionario, donde no hay más regla de conducta que hablar del infierno o callarse. Y cuando se habla y se confiesa, se abajan los confesionarios y empujados por las manos de los sacerdotes, tu hermano me ruega que te escriba y te pedirá todos los días al día, para que tengas suerte en Roma. Hasta muy pronto y ordena como gustes a tu hermano.

...de la vida, que me revela de gran asombro y me muestra...

los libros.  
rigurosos los estudios de los  
los libros.



Los Angeles, December 9, 1949

Reverend dear Father Aloysius,

Please forgive <sup>me</sup> for this hurried note, but I must tell you the wonderful graces that have come to me since yesterday. During my confession you promised to pray for my husband that he would be able to see the will of God and do it. Last night, Father, it being also the Birthday of my husband, (yes he was born on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception) I was able to tell him what you asked of me, that I would only wish him to love me if it could be done according to the will of God. I told him that in the past I have been very unhappy about his actions. Then I asked him if we couldn't please from now on try to do Gods will in this, that he would certainly be generous with us. Or rather that we should be only too happy to do Gods will and forget all other consequences, because nothing else matters. And Father, he didn't get angry, but let me tell him exactly how I felt about it. O what a wonderful present from Our Lady on her Feastday. I ~~am~~ overcome with gratitude today and I could pray so happy today because maybe from now on my husband and I won't stand in the way of Gods holy will. --- I have prayed for this for 15 years. My dear good Jesus and his Blessed Mother have prepared me for this in the last few weeks. One day last week Our Lord showed me while I was saying the Our Father, what that petition " Thy Will be done " meant. For 10 Minutes I was spiritually lifted up and couldn't think of anything else but " Thy Will be done ". --- Then 2-3 days ago he did almost the same with one of the first questions in the catechism: " Why did God make me " .... to know him, to love him and to serve him in this world and forever in heaven ". --- After this enlightenment it almost frightened me to think that perhaps through the attitude of my husband we have kept some little soul from knowing loving and serving God forever. That was the reason I begged you for your prayer. Please continue to ask Our dear Lord and his Holy Mother to help us, to give us the strength to carry out his wishes. It won't be easy. We have very little money, my health isn't good; I haven't even a bed to sleep in. I sleep in the frontroom on the couch, to make room for my children. So far I liked this arrangement, because I'm alone and can pray and meditate any time I feel like it, Our Lord must have wanted it this way. His will be done in everything.

Now I must tell you the wonderful thing that happened to me this morning after holy Mass. I remained to say my rosary and make the Stations after Mass and as I was about to leave the church I saw a lady coming in. She walked right up, to the altar of the Blessed Mother and started to light a candle there. When she dropped her money in the box it fell on the floor, because yesterday someone stole the box with the money. So I walked up to her to explain what happened. I had seen her several times before and hoped that some day I would have the opportunity to talk to her, since I didn't think she was a Catholic. So Our Lord and the Blessed Mother arranged for this box to be taken and give me the chance. After I have ~~explained~~ about the box I told her how happy I was that she comes in for a visit so often and that I was sure she gained much from those visits. She looked at me and after a little hesitation she said: " You didn't know that I wasn't a catholic? " I said that I had assumed that, but that I still was happy to see her coming in. Then she said: " Yes I do gain much from these visits, but I'm almost afraid to ask for anything because I have to be forgiven for so much ". To this I told her, how very merciful Our dear Lord was, and

I have thoughts of writing to Teresa Newman and mine to ask her to pray for my boy. Did you know, that her mother is seriously ill and her brother was near death this summer. I heard it from Emma yesterday. Our Lady must have appeared again to little Jutta. Good.



she should have every confidence. Then I told her that I would be very happy to help her in any way at all, and she said, "you mean answer my questions, what to do?" I said yes with anything, if it was possible for me. Then she looked at me a little longer and said: "O, I would love to be a catholic, if my Father didn't feel so strongly against it". I told her that I would pray very hard for her Father and for her, so he would understand. Although the lady is about as old as I and her Father is not living with her. —

Now perhaps you can understand why I had to write you today. My heart is so full; I had to share it with you and ask you to please pray for this woman. She lives on my street and my little Francis delivers the afternoon paper to her. She said she wants to become a catholic more than anything else. I hope we can help her. —

Father, going back to my husband and myself I want to tell you that for years I have felt that the action of my husband against the will of God was responsible for keeping my son away from the Priesthood. I told that to my husband last night. — I asked him to come to Holy Communion more often; that Our Lord would be so pleased with him and I would be able to love and respect him so much more than ever before.

I started to make a 54 day rosary novena on the first Sunday in Advent, so my son will be able to decide which vocation to choose, since this is the year he should make up his mind. What to study in college. Then after I had started my novena I thought maybe I should change my intention and pray first for the enlightenment of my husband, but hated to change it, still wondering about it. Do you think this is already an answer to my novena? It certainly looks like it.

This morning I talked with Mrs. Cecilia Decker, our new member you met last night. Father she needs your prayers very badly. I encouraged her to write to you and tell you all about her troubles. In the meantime please pray for her intentions; they are worthy ones. I think you will like her very much. She loves Our Lord and the Blessed Mother and is so humble and willing to learn.

Before I close I would like to thank you sincerely for having invited us to this wonderful Day of Recollection. I'm sure many graces were gained there by many. Mrs. Decker said it was the most beautiful experience she ever had. I will certainly pray for your many intentions.

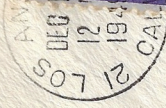
Now I remain with the kindest regards through the sweet Hearts of Jesus and Mary

*your grateful and devoted  
Spir. daughter Maria*

P.S. Have I told you that our pastor has appointed me to be secretary for the League of the Sacred Heart here in our Parish? We have registered about 460 new members within the last month. He asked me to get as many promoters as possible for this work. So far we have about 20. Of course our 6 Guild members from this parish were most willing to help. How gracious Our dear Lord is to let me bring more and more souls to him; to his Sacred Heart and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please ask Our dear Lord to bless this wonderful undertaking. Father Moran expects many graces from this devotion in our parish. *Maria*



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May the Infant Jesus  
make you His very  
own now and forever.

Father Christmas  
C.M.F.





## *Claretian Missionaries*

*Provincial House*

*1119 Westchester Pl.*

*Los Angeles 6, California*

Dec. 17th, 1949

Very Rev. M. Nino, C.M.F.  
Provincial Superior  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Very Reverend and dear Father,

At the local Chapter held Dec. 16th, 1949, it was unanimously approved to request your Reverence permission to buy a Refrigerator at the cost of \$721.18.

No financial help will be needed from the Provincial Treasurer.

Sincerely yours in C.M.,

*Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.*  
Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
Local Secretary

O. R. *M. Nino, C.M.F.*  
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Very Reverend and dear Father:

At the local Chapter held Dec. 16th, 1949, it was unanimously approved to request your Reverence permission to repair the roof of the Provincial House.

The bid submitted to us and accepted by the Local Council is for \$820.00. No financial help will be needed from the Provincial Treasurer.

Sincerely yours in C.M.,

*Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.*  
Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
Local Secretary

*O. K. M. Nino, C.M.F.*  
*Prov. Sup.*



December 19, 1949.

Dear friends:

This will extend to you my wishes for a happy and holy Christmas.

I was grateful for your Christmas card. Accept our thanks, too, for the donation and the book. We are reading the book in the dining room.

I hope this finds you in good health. Some afternoon between three and six, if you wish to come by here, I would be happy to meet Mrs. Horan. I hope the condition of her arthritis is improving.

Thanking you again for your kindness,

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Horan,  
676 So. Coronado St.,  
Los Angeles 5, Calif.

Father Aloysius Eliscuria,  
C.M.F.



December 19, 1949.

Dear friends:

This will extend to you my wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy and holy married life. May God bless you and keep you always devoted to Him and to each other.

I congratulate Author on his having embraced our holy faith. Let me ask you, Arthur, to continue perfecting yourself in your mind and will, adapting yourself to the mores of the Catholic faith.

Accept my thanks, Marie, for all you have done for us at Dominguez and here with your generous donation for vestments. We are grateful, too, for your last donation to us.

Sincerely,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria,  
C.M.F.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lango,  
4525 Georgia,  
San Diego 3, Calif.



December 19, 1949.

Dear Miss Dowd:

This will extend to you my wishes for a happy and holy Christmas and many blessings from God.

I was grateful for your Christmas card and the kind donation. I will remember you in my prayers, and ask you to continue praying for me.

Sincerely in the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria,  
C.M.F.

Miss Mary M. Dowd,  
5318 $\frac{1}{2}$  So. Broadway,  
Los Angeles 37, Calif.



December 19, 1949.

Dear Sister:

I wish you a very holy Christmas, the holiest in your life. I was very happy to see your picture and your missionary daughter in the New World. Though I never have written you, do not think that I have forgotten you. Not at all. You are always in my prayers, especially at Holy Mass. And I feel very happy that I was the instrument of God in placing you where you are. All of it was very providential, and Our Lord, Who has loved you so very much, arranged everything so promptly and efficaciously to make out of you another Jeanne de Chantal, who, after being mother and widow, consecrated herself to God in the religious life, attaining great sanctity. I know that you have been always very generous with God. Continue now making your whole self a perfect immolation to God by a thorough obedience and humility, and incessant prayer, transforming all that you do into pure love of God and salvation of souls.

My the Blessed Mother bless you with her Divine Son constantly during this Christmas and all your lifetime up to the very last.

How is Jean? Is she with you? Extend my regards to her.

Pray always for me.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Sister Jeanne de Chantal,  
Holy Family Novitiate,  
Beaverville, Ill.



<sup>+</sup>  
J.M. J.T.

Carmel of St. Joseph  
3361 East Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach 3, Calif.  
Dec. 19, 1949

Pax Christi!

My Father in Christ,

The day your letter came I had just asked our Lady for one from you that morning. Isn't she good! I had wanted to ask to speak with you, but the need was not great & the time not opportune; then your letter came. God reward you.

He came Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & the Archbishop said our first Mass on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. He will not have enclosure for awhile, as the alterations are not yet completed. There was more or less much excitement at first & I was terribly distracted, but recollection is not too easy now either.

I appreciate your prayers more than I can say.



Our retreat brought no outstanding grace, but a light to see the pride in me, and the depths of humility into which I should like to plunge. Yet it seems to me I need a special grace to "get down there" - of myself I cannot.

During retreat and since I seem to live more closely with Christ in His mysteries. I follow the little outline I wrote for each day of the week. (Monday the Incarnation & His life in the womb of the Blessed Virgin; Tues. the hidden life etc.) My favorite is still the agony of His Heart, & His Passion. But, Father, I am very far from what I would like to be. It seems to me I have only desires. My love for Christ is so weak. I hope and pray He will give you light to tell me what He wants of me so that He may share with me the treasure of His cross.

Thank you for your patience



in reading this. It helps just  
to write you.

Father, do you think you  
would ever have the opportunity  
of coming to Long Beach? If it  
would be too inconvenient I won't  
ask Rev. Brother to ask you to  
come. If in that case if I need  
help I'll write, but it's not always  
easy to put things in a letter.

May your Christmas be a  
very happy and holy one! I will  
offer my midnight Mass and  
Communion for you. I wonder if  
you have been in need of prayers?  
I've had to pray for you very  
much the last couple of days.

Will you please ask the  
divine Father for me, the grace  
I ask in this verse, of perfect  
"Oneness" with Him, that I may  
live "by Him, with Him, and in  
Him"?

Gratefully, your unworthy  
child in Christ,

Orison & Jeanette



December 20, 1949

Dear Sister Mary Mediatrix:

May the Infant Jesus increase, during this Christmas season, your love for His Cross more and more.

I hear from all that you have been and are very sick and sometimes you have been just about to die. No doubt Our Lord has showered on you plenteous actual graces to help you to cope with those physical sufferings and even more with your mental sufferings that I believe to be even keener than your bodily ones, though the latter are so intense.

The opening of the Holy Year is going to take place this Christmas. Our Blessed Father Founder, Blessed Anthony Mary Claret, is going to be canonized during this Holy Year on May 7th. You already told me nine years ago that the present Holy Father would canonize him, at the same time as you told me how the present Holy Father was going to consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

I request you in this letter to continue here on earth and from heaven to pray for my needs and my spiritual progress in holiness and for my work with souls. It is frightening the responsibility of a Priest like myself in regard to the souls that have been entrusted to me in the past or are at present under my guidance or will be in the future. Through your prayer and sacrifice Our Lord will have mercy on me and make up in these souls for all that I did not impart to them.

My brother, Rev. Father Joseph Mary, whom you help so efficaciously in the past back in 1940, is now an eminent orator, but tells me that Satan is endeavoring to ruin him by means of his talents. He accepts every counsel I give him most readily. I have entreated him again and again to increase his purity of intention in all his ministry, and I gave him, translated into Spanish, a copy of a questionnaire on purity of intention which Rev. Mother St. Emily gave me. He tells me that he carries it with him and calls it his canary. I want you to pray very hard for him. He is very thankful for your prayers and mediation, as he told me in several of his letters. By this I see that his faith is deep and great and simply in the midst of his success.

Sister Mildrida tells me to ask you to pray for her, and she is praying for you a great deal.

One of my novices by the name of Bill Sutton is asking me to tell souls that are close to God to pray for him. So I am telling you to pray for him very much so that the doubts of his mind be all cleared up before the 22nd of August of this coming year, when he is supposed to make his religious profession.



I also recommend to your prayers a spiritual daughter of mine here, Miss Mary Walsh, who has the approval of Archbishop McIntyre to start a foundation of Sisters here. Also, pray very much for a boy who is about to quit his vocation and who was supposed to be ordained this coming year. You knew him. Pray also for Father John Joseph Uriarte, who once visited you in Beaverville, and left the Priesthood, and has spoken many times against the Blessed Mother and is at present a restaurant owner in San Antonio, Texas. Pray for all the intentions that they have entrusted to my prayers, among them the conversion of a man that has been away from the sacraments many years and wants to come to confession to me.

My health is very good and I feel very happy, and I have at present ten novices and two brother postulants. We are praying for another site for our Novitiate, because we are now in the middle of the city of Los Angeles and our last Provincial Chapter decided that this present site is inadequate for its purpose.

May your Christmas be the very best in your entire life, and may the Holy Year which is going to begin be thrice holy for you.

Always thanking God for you and praying for you,

Your spiritual Father,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.





MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR



May the love of the Babe of Bethlehem

and the sweetness of

His Blessed Mother bring you peace  
and happiness this Christmas and always.

Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Holy Family Academy  
Beaverville, Illinois

*Sister Rose Mary*

(over)



Dear Father, Under separate cover is going to you for your Xmas present a letter of the Cure of Ars & maged to get another.

There you dropped dead at our not taking long break? I was too, but it really was an impossible for our present enough - three of our teachers are on the sick list - one is leaving in June - S. Marie de Lourdes - Only 2 teachers are coming out of the month-end by 1949 and "father," broken as supposing 5 - so what?

Life has changed since I left this world - no more fiddling with the daily, not because I am better, but because the occasions are not there. So all my offerings from this way - a offering for a contractual union of my will to God's Will. At all times but especially in offering with others

1. Every individual - with others  
2. "Phone call (I try to make)  
3. Letter & hear my will to the  
at these 3 moments - and my day is composed of just these 3 things

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December 30, 1949.

Dear Friends:

Please accept my thanks for your generous donation. God bless you for your charity toward His religious. Be sure that we remember you in our prayers. I am praying also for Marie's success and happiness in marriage.

Wishing you all a happy New Year,

Sincerely,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria,  
C.M.F.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roth,  
1342 Miramar,  
Los Angeles 26, Calif.



December 30, 1949.

Dear Mrs. Buchar:

I appreciated your Christmas card and the kind donation for the Mass. The Holy Mass has been taken care of.

Be sure that I am praying for your intentions and your needs.

I am happy to learn that you are feeling better.

Sincerely yours,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Clara Buchar,  
354 No. Ittawa St.,  
Joliet, Ill.



December 30, 1949.

Dear Margaret:

Many thanks for your kind donation to us and for the white scarf. Be sure we remember you in our prayers.

I wish all of you a very happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Margaret Mary Bell,  
636 Dudley Ave.,  
Fresno 3, Calif.



December 30, 1949.

Dear Friends:

I received your generous donation and wish to give you our deepest thanks.

May God Bless you for your charity toward His religious, and be sure of a remembrance in our Masses and prayers.

Sincerely,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria,  
C.M.F.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Day,  
1324 West 74th St.,  
Los Angeles 44, Calif.



ST. GENEVIEVE CONVENT

4846 MONTANA STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 31, 1949.

Dear Father Aloysius,

You will, no doubt, be happy to know that I spent a very fruitful Advent. I spent it entirely with our Blessed Mother and offered all my actions to her, to help her in her preparation for His coming. She awarded me abundantly during midnight Mass as my soul seemed to have been flooded with grace.

The days following Christmas have been days of sufferings and trial, due to a spirit of jealousy on the part of some of my Sisters. This has not caused me to lose my peace of soul, but it has been a cross. If only I could talk to you everything would be so different. I miss being able to get a direct answer to all my questions.

At present I am reading the book you recommended, "God Within Us." It is, indeed, very consoling and helpful. So, also, is your letter. I have read it many times, along with your notes. Would that I could receive them more often!

I am inclosing a check for seventeen dollars. I do hope your Superior will permit you to say the Masses for me.

Gratefully in the Sacred Heart

*Sister Mary Virginia*



December 19, 1949

Dear Marie:

I wish you, Rita and Bob the happiest and holiest Christmas. Your letters have been most welcome and it will be a great privilege and happiness for me to offer my midnight Mass at the Novitiate with all the novices and the community present, for you and your intentions. I really mean that it will be a great happiness for me, because I think so much of you, Bernie, Rita and Bob. I may say that I found a never failing nobility and gratitude in Bernie and you which moves me also to an undying and most earnest interest on your behalf before God.

I was most happy in seeing Bernie go to the Catholic University, where he has golden opportunities for the integral and thorough formation required in a Priest in these present and difficult times for the Church.

I do not know anything about the ordinations yet, but, of course, be ready for them, because they are not far off.

I still remember when Bernie was at St. Jude's, that I told you that by the time Bernie would be ordained a Priest, I would be forty-five. You complimented me in saying that I would be still a young man. I really do feel now better in health than I did then. So, though my few hairs are gray, I feel very energetic to do my best in my assignments.

I have a very fine bunch of novices and feel most contented with them. We wrote yesterday a letter to your successor as President of the Mothers' Club. Mrs. McPolin, thanking the club for the candy. You have been without any doubt or exaggeration the strongest builder of St. Jude's Mothers' Club. I am looking forward to having your nephew next year in my Novitiate.

Be sure to convey my best regards to Dick and Dorothy and their children. I can never forget them.

Wishing you all the best, and praying that your Rita will have the best choice in her partner for life and that Bob will be able to continue and finish his studies, and that your health will be good for many, many years,

Sincerely and gratefully in the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

P.S. on p. 2.



P.S. Today I have said a Requiem High Mass for Mabel O'Neill, whose anniversary is today. She also worked very hard in the Mothers' Club. I am writing today to Walter O'Neill, Sr., telling him how I did my best in commending to God in the Requiem High Mass this morning the soul of his wife, while praying at the same time for him and his children.



December 19, 1949

My ever dear friend Walter:

Today, the 19th of December, I have had the great privilege of singing a Requiem High Mass for your dear departed wife. The novices attended the Mass and sang the responses. Believe me, my ever sincere friend, Walter, that I have prayed very intensely for you, for your three children, Walter, Jr., and his family, for Patsy, and for Jackie, as well as for your sister May and your departed Mother and sister.

I do sympathize with you one hundred percent. You have gone through so much sorrow and keen disappointments.

I became very close to you in the years '40, '41 and '42, and I came to love your soul very much for your great sincerity and nobility with God and with men. You were the very last one with whom I shook hands when the train had begun moving, to bring me to California. The sorrow did not separate us and I will ever remain most close to you, though my epistolary relations are not able to do justice to the sentiments that I harbor within me towards you and so many, many others whom I have known and loved throughout my years.

I will be very happy to meet you again if you ever come to the Golden State.

Tell Jack Warner and May that I cherish my friendship with them now as much as I did those golden years when Mabel was President of the Mothers' Club and May was the Secretary.

Let us love God in adversity as well as in prosperity, because He arranges in the end everything for our best. Let the tribulations of this life help us to purify our souls more and more so that we will make a real headway for our eternal life, which is the true and lasting life.

Do remember me in your Communion on Christmas morn, and I will always remember you and keep you in my heart.

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

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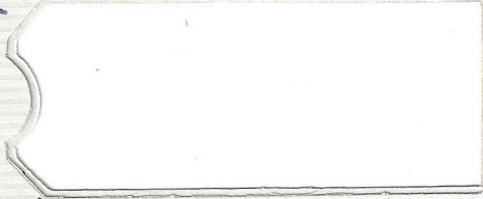


Dear Father Aloysius: Your intentions are in every Mass and Holy Communion, daily, and have been since the day I entered this House of God. You shall remain as until I die. Your needs are always in my prayers. My daughter Sister Bernard is now in Africa on the Missions of the Servants of the Holy Ghost. My Superior invited her to spend three days here with me before she sailed on November 10th.

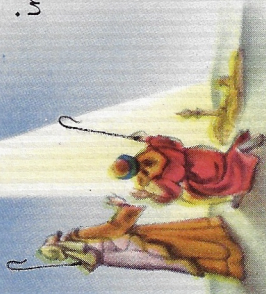
Dear Father, please pray for me, that I may become a good and holy Religious. Adios!

Sister Jeanne de Chartres

the Reverend of the Missionary District of the Holy Spirit asked me for your address which I gave her.



May the gleaming Christmas Star  
 Sending down its holy rays  
 Renew your faith  
 in His great love  
 And bless you, too,  
 in many ways.



"GRACE BE UNTO YOU AND PEACE

FROM GOD OUR FATHER"

COR. 1:3



Jean de Chantel

52094 U.S.A.





December 20, 1949.

Dear Margaret Mary:

I wish you a very merry and holy Christmas with many blessings from the Infant Jesus for your soul, and also health for your body, if it is His Divine Will. I hope that your health is improved. Continue doing your best to improve it; but, though it may not seem to improve much, do not grow despondent or sad, but offer up this adversity to God as a token of your love for Him. Since so much pain is wasted in the world, and so many suffer without drawing anything out of it but despondency and despair, when it should have a purifying and sanctifying effect in our souls, unite every trial of yours to the sufferings of Christ on the Cross and the sorrows of the Blessed Mother, offering them for all the intentions that Our Lord has in permitting those sufferings in you.

Our Lord has been very good to you, as He was to your darling daughter Alberta, and I want you to lose no opportunity to grow more in holiness of life. Do go to your Confession and Communion on Christmas and make out of your heart a very soft and warm crib for the Baby Jesus with your love for Him, with your patience and endurance in your sufferings, your spirit of prayer and your direction of all that you do to God's love.

How is your dear mother? I hope she is still going strong. Give her my good wishes, and extend them also to your sisters and brothers and their families. I wish them the happiest of Christmases.

I am at present Master of Novices. I have only twelve under my care instead of fifty that I used to have in Dominguez Seminary, Compton. I am feeling well.

I promise you a very special remembrance at my midnight Mass and the other two Masses. You know that every Priest is allowed to say three Masses on Christmas. I will say the first one at midnight and the other two will follow it.

I will entreat the Baby Jesus to favor you abundantly with His graces and love and to prepare you better and better for your entrance into heaven, there to meet your dearest Alberta, who, without any doubt, is kept busy praying and interceding for her mother.

May God bless you and love you always.

Your spiritual Father,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.V.



December 30, 1949.

Dear Mrs. Kelly:

I was happy to see you and your family at our midnight Mass and to give you all Holy Communion.

Our Novitiate is grateful for your kind donation. Be sure I keep you all in my prayers.

We have some crucifixes of Bl. Claret carrying the Apostolic Indulgence. Mrs. Flocca has the details about them, should you find the opportunity to arouse anybody's interest in them. Of course they are not sold, but an offering of five dollars is expected to defray the ceremonial and other expenses involved in the canonization of Bl. Claret. The crucifixes are of German silver. Some afternoon if you find it convenient to pass by, I would be happy to show them to you.

How is the little boy behaving in school? Are the twins, now that they have graduated from Loyola High School, going to work, or will they continue in college?

Wishing you, Mr. Kelly and your children the happiest New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Jean Kelly,  
2000 Cambridge St.,  
Los Angeles, Calif.



December 30, 1949.

Dear Evelyn:

Many thanks for your generous donation. God bless you for your charity toward His religious, and be sure we will remember you in our prayers.

I have been unable to obtain the address of your brother, Captain John McHugh, though I have felt obliged to write him on two occasions to thank him for his charity and generosity towards us, once a year ago and once last Easter. I would be grateful if you could send me his address. Also, please extend to him my best regards when you get an opportunity.

Sincerely,

Father Aloysius Ellscuria,  
C.M.F.

Miss Evelyn McHugh,  
4925 $\frac{1}{2}$  Quincy St.,  
Chicago 44, Ill.



December 30, 1949.

Dear Mrs. McKean:

We were very grateful for your generous donation. May God bless you for your charity toward His religious. The Holy Masses have received prompt attention. Be sure we remember your intentions in our prayers.

How is your priestly son? I hope the condition of your hands has improved.

Sincerely,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Mrs. Alphonsine McKean,  
1611 Glendon Ave.,  
Los Angeles 24, Calif.



Pax Christi!

Box 262  
U. S. Marine Hospital  
Carville, Louisiana  
November 26, 1949

Dear Father Aloysius:

I hope you do not mind the familiarity with which I address you. I feel as if I knew you already and so have taken the presumption to address you thus. My good friend, Ted LeBerthon has told me so many beautiful things about you, and I feel drawn as to a magnet by what he writes in his letters. All beautiful things are like magnets, and a beautiful soul is a very strong magnet which draws all other souls, especially the little ones like me. I hope you will forgive me for my audacity. I wanted so much to write to you and in writing be able to talk to you, as Ted LeBerthon, in talking to you, has found so much spiritual joy and gladness. I am so happy that Ted has you for a friend, for if anyone is deserving of good friends, it is Ted. He has had his share of trials, and his load has been very heavy indeed. He has written me so much about you, and in what he wrote, I read so many wonderful things between the lines which he did not write. One day, soon I hope, I too, may have the joy of meeting you and talking to you. That will be a very happy day for me.

I do not know if Ted has told you anything about me, not that there is anything to tell at all, but perhaps, because he is fond of me, he has mentioned me by name to you. I am Joey. As if that explains who I am. Everyone calls me Joey - I was in the track and field in school and as I used to be quite a sprinter, the girls used to call me "the little kangaroo" and I am told that in Australia, a little kangaroo is called a joey. I was baptized Josefina, after St. Joseph, to whom my mother (R.I.P.) was very much devoted too. However, I was born on a fifth of August which is also the feast of Our Lady of the Snow. So you see, I am very privileged. I am truly Our Lady's daughter and St. Joseph's godchild too. God has been and always is good to me. He has given me so much, much much more than I shall ever deserve. I was telling Sister Francis de Sales, one of our Sisters here, this evening, that Our Lady has a way of sending me signs, to let me know how much She loves me. Today, I received an special delivery letter from an old school friend, who is now a Carmelite nun in the Monastery at Lipa, Philippines, where Our Lady recently had Her apparitions. At the bottom of the page after she had signed her name, she wrote a "P.S.". It read: Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Graces, sends you very special love and blessings..... All at once my whole being was diffused with an unspeakable happiness. For me, that means so much because tomorrow is the feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Like the time when I was making a novena to Our Lady of Fatima - on that day someone sent me a little statuette of Her and it arrived on the last day of the novena. I feel that She watches over me particularly for She knows I need Her more than others do (I have my weaknesses, failings and shortcomings perhaps more than others have). Some think I am foolish that I believe so much in signs, like the letter and the statuette - but that is the way I am. When I wake up in the morning, from my window I can see the trees, some green, some bare, and the sky as Southern skies are, blue even in late November - - I think God has made all this beauty possible and a rushing of gratitude feels my heart that He gave us all this beauty. I wish I were more, no that's not right -- I wish I were just a little bit like the Little Flower whose love for Almighty God was all-consuming. I cannot seem to feel that way yet hardly does a moment go by in which I do not think of Him - I do love Him too.



May I ask that you look after Ted LeBerthon? He can take care of himself of course, but I mean, in a spiritual sense. He needs someone like you. He is so good and so kind, but he has had his very bad jolts, and he needs someone who can understand him. He thinks the world of you. May I ask also, that whenever the thought of me comes to your mind, will you say a very special prayer for me that God may give me light to see what He wants of me. I have to get well first and all things will follow naturally, but if He does not want me to get well, that I may have the good grace and willingness to accept that fact. I need prayers like yours, which certainly must be most close to the Heart of God.

I shall close for now, and in spirit, I kneel down for your blessing. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely in O. L. and M. I.,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joey", with a stylized, flowing script.

Joey Guerrero



J.M.J.

St. Patrick Academy  
Mokena, Illinois,  
December 11, 1949.

Rev. Father Aloysius Ellacuria.

Rev. dear Father:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 28. I received it upon my return from Hot Springs with Rev. Mother. Many things happened during our stay there. Rev. Mother almost left me in Hot Springs. Mother Magdalen is not so well and needed rest badly. Rev. Mother felt that since I was there, it would be best for me to remain during the time Sister was recuperating. I was ready to submit to her will in the matter but there were many things involved and I did not feel equal to the situation. I told Rev. Mother so and gave her my reasons. She agreed with me and decided that I would not stay but that Sister Theophane would be sent for two months to help them out.

I sent your letter to Rev. Mother and awaited her answer. She did not answer it for awhile but waited until our next council meeting. We talked the question over and Rev. Mother told me to tell you that we both agreed that the present time did not seem appropriate to carry out your suggestion. Please do not think, Father, that I was not ready to do as you suggested. For a while after my return from Hot Springs, things seemed to be somewhat better. Since this was the case. Rev. Mother thought it best to wait until later. Frankly, Father, even though I had done what you suggested, there has been no opportunity. Rev. Mother has not come here and Mother Viator goes out very seldom. Perhaps when Rev. Mother comes here for her visit, if you still wish me to do so, I can do it then. Mother Viator has not been at all well since she has been here. She is to go to the hospital after Christmas for a complete check - up.



I feel that your prayers for me have been heard for I have been enjoying a deep peace and calm of soul all during Advent. / My special petition and prayer during Advent have been for peace - deep peace of soul in all. I realize what you have so often told me - that this deep peace is necessary if the soul is to attain to contemplation. My desire for contemplation is even greater than ever before - I long for it so ardently. I have tried so hard to maintain peace of soul no matter what. It has been difficult ~~xxxx~~ for frequently the Sisters come to me and while I feel identically as they do, I know that there is only one course for me - and that is to support authority, no matter what. My feelings are the same as they have been. The struggle to submit and to carry out orders especially when they go "against the grain" has been terrific. Once during Advent, after a Sister had come to talk to me, the same struggle almost upset everything. God gave me the grace, however, to regain peace of soul. I was tempted several times during the past couple of weeks to write to Rev. Mother and beg her to do something. You could scarcely believe the change in spirit in the house since Mother's arrival here. The Sisters are submitting outwardly but their spirit is "broken." Everything must be sacrificed for excessive cleanliness and order. At times it is almost more than I can stand. All of us like order and cleanliness - we agree there - but there seems to be a sort of fanaticism about it. Everything must be sacrificed for that. Isn't there much more to religious life than this? The question which bothers me at times is - wherein does my duty as councillor lie? Rev. Mother thinks that I am exaggerated - frankly, Father, she does not realize the situation. She feels that Mother is a wonderful superior and that the things she does are perfectly all right. I agree that Mother is a wonderful religious - but I do not agree that she is governing the house here for the greater good of all concerned.



In it all, I am trying to submit personally; however, it does not seem fair to obliged religious to suffer for one person's personal wishes. Some of the Sisters are "breaking" under it. I would not be surprised if we lose vocations among some of the younger Sisters. I do not wish to exaggerate, Father, and I fear that perhaps in my own case, I may have done so. However, I should be able to express my thoughts frankly to you; I know that you will tell me if you think that I am exaggerated.

At our last day of recollection, I spoke to the Jesuit who came. He told me to go to Mother and tell her exactly how I felt about things. I have not yet been able to force myself to do so. When I did tell her at the beginning, she was the most surprised person in the world and merely passed it off as a temptation or trial. She has not once since then asked me if I felt differently.

Perhaps you have not heard that Sister Mary Media trix has been in Mercy Hospital in Chicago for several months. She almost died a few weeks ago. She had a spell of some kind which the doctors were very much puzzled over. They found out recently that she had a blood clot at the base of the brain; the doctors think that the time she had the spell, the blood clot must have passed through her heart. I spoke to her over the phone a few weeks ago and she was in the mend then; she hoped to be home for Christmas. She has suffered very much but she seemed to respond to the treatment they were then giving her. Mother St. Eugene has not been at all well either, I saw her yesterday at the funeral of our Sister Elizabeth who has been suffering with cancer for the past year and a half. Seeing Mother for a few moments made me realize the more how much I have missed her. I realize that God is probably using this means of detaching me. This is the practice Rev. Mother has given us for Advent - detachment in all forms. I have been tempted to write to Rev. Mother and tell her that her counsel is good - but that charity comes first - charity has been violated here



in so many ways.

On December 27, we are to celebrate the centennary of Our Father<sup>Founder</sup>'s First Holy Mass. You may remember that the 27th is also an anniversary for me. I made my Vow of Virginitv on December 27, 1919. Since then, I have always considered it a day of great grace. I am enclosing ~~some~~ Mass stipend~~s~~s which I would appreciate your taking care of for me. January 4 will be the third anniversary of Mother's death. I would appreciate your offering your Holy Sacrifice for her on that day.

I know that this must be a busy time for you, Father; nevertheless I trust that you will find time to write a word. Your advice and your help mean so much to me, even though I have not always profited as I should from them. I beg a special memento in your Holy Sacrifice on Christmas Day.

I am praying much for your intentions, Father. You may not have heard that Sister Marie Therese's mother died recently. Sister went for the funeral and she hope to be able to call you. God granted her two almost miraculous graces - the baptism and First Holy Communion of her aged father - and the return to the sacrament of one of her brothers who had been out of the Church for some time.

I shall remember you especially during the remaining days of Advent. I pray that God will grant you a very holy and happy Christmas and New Year filled with His special graces and helps. I beg your blessing and your prayers. I am most grateful to you for all that you have done and are doing for me.

Gratefully in Him

*Sister Mary Dolores*



Chicago Ill.  
Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1949

Dear Father Aloysious

Just a few lines to let you know that my family and I are still alive and in good health, and hope this finds you the same.

At this time of the year we think of our old friends which I still think of you as one, so wishing you and all of the others with the Claretians, a Holy and Happy Christmas.

Another I have in mind is my dear departed wife Mabel O'Neil who passed



away and the date of her death was Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1946

In remembrance to her I am asking you if you can and will say a Mass for her on that date and the request ~~of~~ for prayers from some other of the Claretians this would make it more pleasant for us to remember.

As you know what she always thought of your Order and how she worked for it.

This would be a tribute to her

I know you will give her this if not then at your convenience

But we will offer our Mass here in conjunction with your prayers

Some time next year I expect to get to California and if the Lord grant come to meet there.

Enclosed find \$5<sup>00</sup> contribution



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to you and ask you also to remember me in your prayers for my intentions. and remember me to those whom I had been in contact. It will be nice to see you all sometime again.

Thanking you Father, I again extend in closing my best wishes and may God reward you well.

Very truly yours

Walter J. O'Neil Sr.  
4709 Belmont Ave.  
Chicago (41) Illinois



Saint Francis Hospital  
Topeka, Kansas  
Christmas Season.

Dear Father.

You have often been in my  
thoughts during the past year.

I appreciated deeply your  
message of a remembrance

in your Holy Masses for the

Greetings Coming year. You  
know only too well, how much





I need them. I hope I will  
be the sister God desires me to be.

I will remember you in our  
Salmon Christmas Novena - we start  
Sunday.

Pray for me Father, especially this year,  
so I will be, and do all God  
desires of me. And that I may  
receive all the graces He gives  
me.

Sister Raphaela



December 30, 1949.

Dear Miss Dunn:

Many thanks for your kind donation. May God  
bless you for your charity toward His religious.

Be sure that I remember you in my prayers.

We are very happy to have you in the Heart  
of Mary Guild.

Sincerely,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Miss Kathryn Dunn,  
2244 Duane St.,  
Los Angeles 26, Calif.



*The Sisters of Charity  
Saint John's Hospital  
Santa Monica, California*

*New Year's Eve 1949*

*Reverent and dear Father Alaynis,*

*May we offer you and your novices  
these roses for Our Blessed Lord  
to start the Holy Year. We presume  
you will have the privilege of  
Cadoration during the day.*

*We wish you a Blessed year.*

*Sincerely in the Heart of Christ.*

*Sister Ann Raymond and Sisters.*